

to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

to connect to the appropriate local office

The General Public – 1-866-ENDHARM (1-866-363-4276)

Nights, Weekends & Holidays – 1-800-562-5624

Call your local CPS office. To find your local office, visit the Children's Administration website at www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca

Daytime

To make a report:

Anyone suspecting child neglect and abuse has the right to report it.

If you are a Mandated Reporter and suspect a child is being neglected or abused...

You are REQUIRED to report it!

If the child is in imminent danger call 9-1-1

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Make a report when: You have reasonable cause to believe that a child (under age 18) has suffered abuse or neglect.

Child abuse or neglect means the injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child by any person under circumstances which indicate that the child's health, welfare and safety is harmed. (RCW 26.44.020)

When in doubt, report.

Calling Child Protective Services (CPS) or law enforcement about an incident will ensure that you meet your legal obligation as a mandated reporter.

A report must be made at the first opportunity, but in no case longer than 48 hours after there is reasonable cause to believe that the child has suffered abuse or neglect.

When you call, you will be asked . . .

- Your name and position.
- The child's name, address and age.
- Name and address of the child's parents or custodians.
- The nature and extent of the injuries, neglect and/or sexual abuse.
- Any evidence of previous incidents of abuse or neglect, their nature and extent.
- Any other information which may be helpful in establishing the cause of the child's injury and the identity of the perpetrator(s).

Persons who report child neglect or abuse in good faith have immunity from liability arising out of such reporting. (RCW 26.44.060)

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